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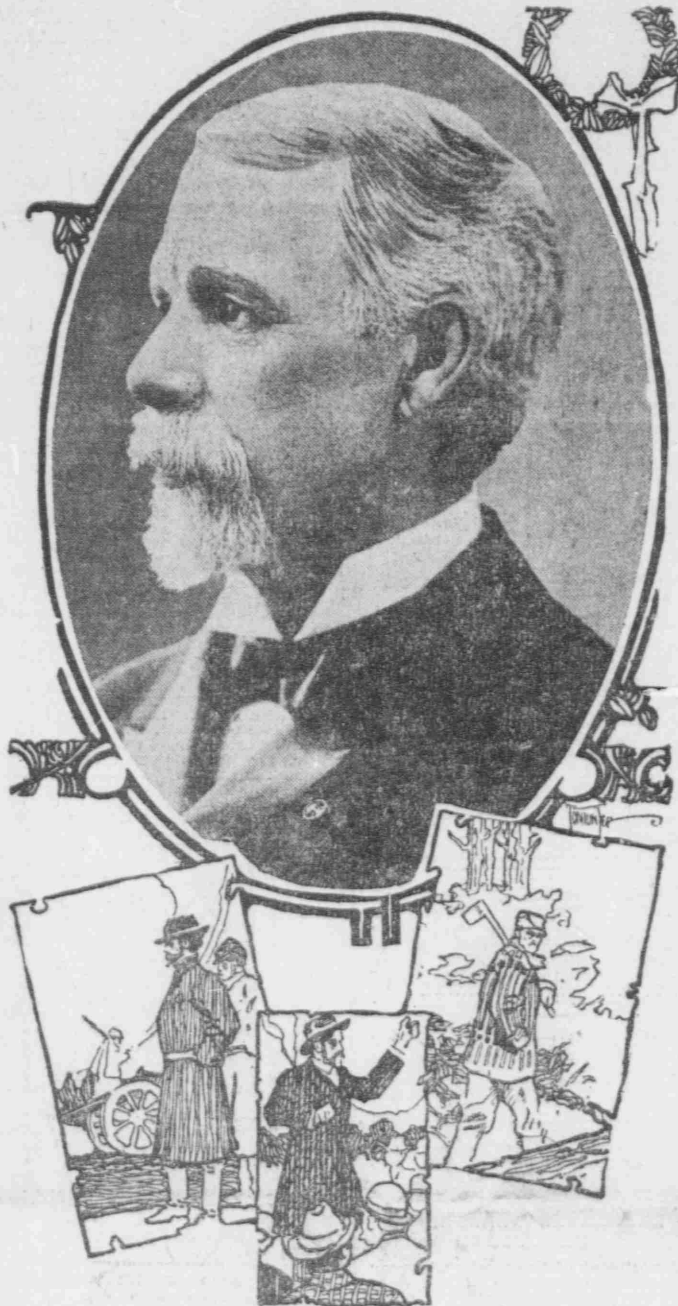
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DEATH SUMMONS CAME SUDDENLY TO MR. ALGER



SENATOR RUSSELL A. ALGER,
Scenes in His Life as Soldier, Lumberman, and Statesman.

THAW JURORS ARE PEEVISH OVER DELAYS

See Long Period From
Family and Business
Before Trial
Ends.

Jerome Adopts New Tac-
tics in Questioning
Talesmen When
Called.

Thaw Appears in Court
This Morning Bright
and Cheerful.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—After a night of imprisonment under the watchful eyes of as many deputy sheriffs, the two jurors so far chosen to try Harry Thaw appeared in sullen mood when the trial was resumed today.

The prospect of a month of solitude, watched as if they themselves were guilty of a crime, had disconcerted the men and they are disgruntled at the thought of the future.

District Attorney Jerome has changed his tactics in the examination of talesmen. He is now asking each man if he is reluctant to stay away from his family for five weeks, if necessary; if he objects to the guard kept by the deputy sheriffs, and in the event he does, would it influence him in the rendition of an honest verdict?

Talesmen Are Disconcerted.

Frank B. Hill, the second juror chosen yesterday, realized he would be com- pelled to absent himself from his busi- ness for a month at least. This, he said, would mean his financial ruin and he was excused. The remainder of the panel of 30 talesmen to be examined are also disconcerted. There are so many technical questions to be asked of prospective jurors that the indica- tions are that these men will be kept from their pursuits and in the closely confined trial room for a week at least.

Extraordinary precautions have been taken for the care of the jurors at the Broadway Central Hotel. They will not be allowed to open their mail or to receive a telephone message un- less the deputies are at hand.

Mrs. William Thaw, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the Countess of Yarmouth, and Mrs. Carnegie arrived early at the court house.

Thaw Appears Composed.

Harry Thaw took the seat assigned to him in the trial room and he nodded pleasantly when the members of his family arrived. Notwithstanding the extraordinary precautions taken by the police to save the members of the Thaw family from the stares of the mobs the crowds around the court building and in front of the Times were as great today as they were yesterday.

Men and women jostled each other in the various thoroughfares and police had the greatest difficulty in keeping them back from the jammed entrance of the two buildings.

Enjoyed Night's Rest.

After his first weary day in court, Thaw enjoyed a good night's rest. He awakened at the regular hour this morning, ate a hearty breakfast, took his customary exercise and then made preparations for the continuation of his long ordeal.

He appeared in the best of spirits and reiterated the belief that the jurors he had selected would render a verdict justifying him for the roof garden tragedy.

The elder Mrs. Thaw, who is fatigued from her long lay's experience, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the Countess of Yarmouth, and Mrs. George L. Carnegie appeared to have stood the strain much better. All arose early in their apart- ments, at the Hotel Lorraine.

**CURZON TO RETURN
TO PUBLIC CAREER**

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, who returned to England from America several weeks ago, has taken Relgate Priory, Lady Henry Somer- set's place in Surrey, and with his three little girls is occupying it.

Lord Curzon soon is to re-enter public life. He is one of the men whom Eng- land can ill afford to spare.

**COUNSEL TO FIGHT
JAP SCHOOL SUIT**

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 24.—The assembly has passed a concurrent resolu- tion instructing the attorney general to represent the State in the suit brought by the Federal Government in the United States circuit court in the San Francisco school case.

The resolution as adopted carried an appropriation of \$10,000 for the employ- ment of special counsel to assist in rep- resenting the State.

Lecture on Jamaica.

Woodworth Clum will lecture this evening on Jamaica and California at the Public Library, under the auspices of the California State Association.

Fire Wrecks Academy of Music, Sleepers Have Narrow Escape, Surrounding Property in Danger

Water Hurlled on the Blazing Structure Quickly Turned to Ice.



Engine and Water Tower in Front of the Academy Pumping Great Streams Into the Interior of Theater.

FIREMEN ESCAPE WHEN STAGE FALLS WITHOUT WARNING

Hose Cart on Way to Fire
Crashes Into Street Car
and Overturns.

The entire stage and auditorium of the Academy of Music were de- stroyed by fire this morning, and the department had a battle on its hands to prevent the flames from spreading to the surrounding busi- ness structures.

The conflagration started in the fly gallery above the stage at the Academy, and when discovered by Special Watchman William Young the entire upper structure was a mass of flame.

Watchman Discovers Fire.

It was shortly before 6 o'clock when he turned in an alarm from box 129, at the corner of Ninth and D streets. A second alarm was turned in by the regular police officers and when Deputy Fire Chief Wagner arrived on the scene and saw the magnitude of the conflagration with which the department was called upon to cope, he turned in a general alarm.

As rapidly as the apparatus ar- rived the pipe lines were laid, and within a short time a dozen streams of water were being directed upon the burning structure.

Sleepers in Danger.

In the meanwhile the report had been spread that there were several people sleeping in the office apart- ments of the burning building. Ser- geant Lohman and Policeman B. H. Johnson heroically fought their way through the stifling smoke and broke in the doors of the sleeping apartments occupied by Prof. Leon.

The victim, Henry Bell, a negro ac- cused of criminal assault, was being taken to Greenwood to be jailed. A quiet mob met the train at the Green- wood station. The deputy sheriff was overpowered and Bell was hustled down the tracks to a railroad bridge, from which he was hanged.

TWENTY DEAD BY EXPLOSION IN COLORADO

Coal Mine Near Trinidad
Scene of Catastrophe;
Little Hope of
Rescue.

TRINIDAD, Col., Jan. 24.—Twenty miners lost their lives as a result of an explosion which occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's coal mine near Primo, twenty miles west of this city. Coffins for that number have been or- dered by the company from a local un- der-taking establishment.

The explosion stopped the air fan, which was not repaired until late yes- terday afternoon, and there is little chance that any of the men in the mine at the time of the explosion are still alive. District Superintendent Robert O'Neill is personally directing the work of rescue. Volunteers from adjacent mines have also volunteered to help in the work of rescue. An attempt is being made to force air into the mine. The mine is badly wrecked, and the rescue parties have advanced only 200 feet. John T. Keeler, general manager of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, arrived from Denver today, and will leave immediately on a special train for Primo.

HOME OF VARDAMAN SCENE OF LYNCHING

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 24.—Greenwood, Miss., the home of Governor Varda- man, was the scene last night of an ex- pedition lynching. The mob did not embarrass the governor by inviting him to join.

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BAKER DEFENDS SCHOOL BOARD IN AN OPINION

Practically a Complete
Vindication of Action as
to Teachers Received
by House District
Committee.

A practically sweeping vindication of the methods that have been employed by the present Board of Education in controlling the public school system and its teachers is contained in a legal op- inion received today from District At- torney Baker by Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania, chairman of the sub- committee on schools of the House Dis- trict Committee.

In his opinion Mr. Baker also states that the general purpose of the Greene bill, now pending, is "to vest persons employed in the schools with a tenure of office which they have not pre- viously enjoyed, and which is superior to the security enjoyed by persons em- ployed in the civil service."

This opinion, it is thought, will do much to prevent the passage of the Greene bill by the House.

Mr. Morrell, who has charge of the various school bills in the House, sought the advice of Mr. Baker as to the legality of the procedure of the present Board of Education.

Mr. Baker's Opinion.

In his opinion on the present school law, Mr. Baker says:

"By Section 2 the former Board of Education was totally abolished. The section created a new board, which, in the mode of its appointments, the number of its members, the time of its in- cumbency, in the manner of compensa- tion and other details, is so irreconcila- bly different from the old board that the old board must be considered as having been completely superseded and extinguished by the present board cre- ated under Section 2."

"Under the old board there were cer- tain appointees, including, besides the clerical force, the executive officers,

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STEVENS AT HEAD OF CANAL

Quickly Named to Fill
Place Vacated by
Shonts.

Former Chairman Goes
to Ryan-Belmont
Interests.

It was officially announced today that Chief Engineer Stevens will be appointed chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, vice Theodore P. Shonts resigned.

The four vacancies now existing in the commission will be filled, tem- porarily, at least, by the appoint- ment of four of the bureau chiefs who are now at work on the isthmus.

Mr. Shonts is still president of the Panama Railway Company, but at its annual meeting, which will take place in April, his successor will be chosen.

Kind Treatment of Shonts.

Theodore P. Shonts has resigned as chairman of the Panama Canal Com- mission, and been most cordially treated by the Administration, whereas John Finley Wallace, resigning as chief en- gineer, was vigorously scored. Why the difference?

Because—so goes the circumstantial story in circulation today—the Admin- istration was quite willing to be relieved of the services of Chairman Shonts.

There had for a long time been fric- tion between Mr. Shonts and Chief En- gineer Stevens. This has been well known, but the situation is said now to have been even graver than was com- monly supposed outside the inner cir- cles of the Administration.

Mr. Shonts did not fancy the canal job. He didn't want to live on the zone. Mr. Stevens didn't want to be bossed by a Washington bureau. He had a feeling that the canal would be better dug with shovels than with typewriters, and he was for getting busy at short range with the digging apparatus.

Was the Choice of Morton.

It will be recalled that when Mr. Shonts was selected for head of the Canal Commission, it was well under- stood that Paul Morton was the in- fluence which chiefly brought about the choice. The two had been intimately associated in business. Mr. Morton left the Cabinet expecting to become head of the Belmont-Ryan traction interests in New York, but a sudden shift of af- fairs made the presidency of the Equi- table Life available and more desirable, and he took it. The big traction in- terests never chose a man for the post that had been intended for Mr. Morton. It has been unoccupied, and the intend- ed reorganization has been postponed till now.

Meanwhile the disagreements in the canal management went on apace. Mr. Stevens, it is said, so far won the con- fidence of President Roosevelt that the latter decided to make a trip to the isthmus largely for the purpose of sat- isfying himself which of his two dis- agreeing lieutenants was right. He went last November and saw conditions with his own eyes.

President's Faith in Stevens.

That investigation, it is now said, con- vinced him that the division of author- ity and responsibility was wrong. Mr. Stevens wanted to boss the canal build- ing, and the President got the idea that a boss who was handy to the job would be most desirable. Further, he became convinced that Stevens was the right man.

After the President came back to Washington, it is recounted, Mr. Mor- ton came to Washington and was a caller at the White House. The story goes that at this visit the President explained his embarrassments, and in- dicated that he would like Mr. Shonts off his hands. Mr. Morton went back to New York, and presently the tender was made to Chairman Shonts of the resignation of Theodore P. Shonts in the disposal of the former Secretary of the Navy.

Chairman Shonts has never been ac- ceptable to the Senators who have most interested themselves in canal matters, and his nomination was never con- firmed. He was deeply interested in the Clover Leaf railroad, and refused to withdraw from it, despite much Sena- torial and other criticism. He said his private fortune was invested there, and he could not afford to give up all rela- tions to the property. The expectation that the road would be sold before long was held out, and this somewhat mollified Senatorial opposition.

Joins Belmont Forces.

Mr. Shonts will go to New York, where he has been elected president of the Interborough Metropolitan Company, owned by the Ryan-Belmont interests, which control the subway and many of the surface traction lines of the met- ropolis.

As chairman of the Canal Commission, Mr. Shonts received the magnificent salary of \$30,000. As president of the New York company he will receive a still larger amount, but the exact sum is not named.

The following letters respecting the resignation are given out at the White House:

"New York, January 22, 1907.
"My Dear Mr. President: I hereby tender my resignation as chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, effective at your pleasure, but not later than March 4, 1907.
"It is unnecessary for me to assure you of my great appreciation of the confidence you have reposed in me, and of the splendid support you have al-

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DOCUMENTS SHOW DAVIS JUSTIFIED IN LANDING MEN

Secretary Metcalf Pub-
lishes Correspondence
Proving Sweetenham
Asked for Jackies.

Secretary Metcalf, of the Navy Depart- ment, has received by cable from Rear Admiral Davis, who commanded the American squadron at Kingston, pos- itive confirmation of the correspondence as published which took place between him and Governor Sweetenham. In this connection, Secretary Metcalf announces that Admiral Davis had ample authority for landing blue jackets on Jamaica soil, as is evident from the following dispatches forwarded by him through Admiral Evans before Davis left Kingston:

"Yielding to the entreaties of the colonial secretary and the inspector of police, who spoke for the governor, I landed fifty men under arms from the Indiana."

It is further announced that under date of January 18, Admiral Davis re- ceived the following letter:

"Colonial Secretary's office,
"Jamaica, January 18.
"Sir: I beg to thank your excellency for the kind assistance which you have rendered to the government of this colony.
"I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
"J. A. SWEETENHAM, governor."

THE WEATHER REPORT.

There will be snow tonight and Friday in the Ohio valley and lower lake re- gion, and snow or rain Friday in the Middle Atlantic States.

Cold wave warnings are displayed in western Minnesota, extreme western Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Steamers departing today for Euro- pean ports will have fresh north to northeast winds with fair, cold weather to the Grand Banks.

SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today.....	5:12
Sun rises tomorrow.....	7:12
High tide today.....	4:34 p. m.
Low tide today.....	11:31 p. m.
High tide tomorrow.....	11:31 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow.....	11:35 a. m.

W. FERRY, W. Va., Jan. 24.—
Clear.